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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST CONFERENCE ON CHINA
REF: MOSCOW 10953

SUMMARY. ROMANIAN CHARGE (NEW COUNSELOR) PAID COURTESY CALL SEPT. 13 ON DCM. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVERSATION WHICH CNCERNED SINO-SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. ALTHOUGH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF CRIMEA COMMUNIST SUMMIT CONFERENCE LATE JULY MADE NO REFERENCE TO CHINA, PRC NEVERTHELESS WAS SUBJECT OF LENGTHY DISCUSSION. COMMUNIQUE WAS COMPROMISE. ROMANIANS WERE OPPOSED TO ACTION PROPOSED BY SOVIETS AND SUPPORTED BY SOME OTHER WP MEMBERS AND DISAGREED WITH SOVIET ASSESSMENT
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OF "CHINESE SITUATION". SOVIETS ARE INTERESTED IN

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HAVING COMMUNIST CNFERENCE TO DISCUSS CHINA QUESTION.
FOR VARIETY OF REASONS, HOWEVER, HOLDING SUCH A CONFERENCE
WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR QUITE AWHILE. FOR ONE THING
THERE IS MUCH LESS THAN UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CON-
FERENCE WITHIN SOCIALIST WORLD. ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA
WOULD BE OPPOSED AS WOULD MANY OF COMMUNIST PARTIES NOT
IN POWER(CITED SPECIFICALLY WAS ITALIAN) WHICH HAVE
STRONG MAOIST WINGS. FOR ANOTHER SOVIETS HAVE NO TIME
OR ENERGIES LEFT TO EXPEND ON ORGANIZING SUCH A CON-
FERENCE WHAT WITH THEIR HIGH-LEVEL INMOLVEMENT IN CSCE,
SALT TALKS, BILATERAL RELATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES IN COMECON
RELATING TO DETENTE.

2. PSYCHOLOGICAL PREPARATION FOR A COMMUNIST CONFERENCE
ON SUBJECT OF CHINA HIGHLY VISIBLE IN STEPPED-UP SOVIET
ASSAULT ON PRC POLICIES SUPPORTED MAINLY BY BULGARIANS
AND EAST GERMANS. CHINESE 10TH PARTY CONGRESS PROVIDED
CONVENIENT TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY AND SOVIETS AND THEIR
ALLIES HAVE NOT OVERLOOKED IT. ROMANIANS HATE TO SEE
QUARRELS DEVELOP BETWEEN SOCIALIST PARTIES AND STATES
BECAUSE OF DAMAGE IT DOES TO HARMONY AND COHESION OF
SOCIALIST CAMP AND DELETERIOUS IMPACT SUCH QUARRELS HAVE
ON SOCIALIST POLICIES. ROMANIANS AS UNHAPPY ABOUT
SOVIET POLICIES VIS-A-VIS PRC AS THEY ARE ABOUT SOVIET
POLICIES TOWARD ROMANIA. PRC IS IN BETTER POSITION TO
DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, HOWEVER BECAUSE CHINA IS GREAT
AND ROMANIA BUT SMALL BALKAN POWER.

3. ROMANIA'S OPPOSITION TO SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS
CHINA IS "PRINCIPLED". ROMANIANS BELIEVE REACTION TO
CHINA SHOULD BE BASED ON SOCIALIST PRINCIPLES AND NOT
ON GREAT RUSSIAN PSYCHOLOGY. SOVIETS ARE CONDUCTING
THEMSELVES TOWARDS CHINESE TODAY JUST AS CZARIST RUSSIA
DID IN NOT TOO DISTANT PAST. THEIR ACCUSATIONS AGAINST
PEKING ARE DESIGNED TO SCREEN FACT THAT POLICIES THEY
ARE ACCUSING PEKING OF CARRYING OUT ARE SAME AS
ONES SOVIETS THEMSELVES ARE PURSUING. ROMANIA FAVORS
POLICY OF DETENTE. BELIEVES IT IS A WISE POLICY FULLY
JUSTIFIABLE ON ITS OWN MERITS AND SEES NO EXCUSE FOR
SOVIET'S URGING OTHER SOCIALIST STATES TO JOIN IN ATTACKS
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ON PRC.

4. CIMBRU LAUGHED WHEN ASKED ABOUT HUNGARIAN PRESS
ATTACKS AGAINST PRC ASKING RHETORICALLY "WHAT CAN YOU
EXPECT FROM A COUNTRY WITH NO INDEPENDENT POLICY"?
HE DENIED THAT HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS WERE NOT
ALL THEY SHOULD BE RECITING AS EXAMPLES OF "EXCELLENT
COOPERATION" A LITANY OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS, VISITORS

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TO BUDAPEST IN RECENT DAYS. WE ARE SUPRISED TO HEAR
CIMBRU SAY THAT HUNGARIAN-ROMANIAN RELATIONS ARE EXCELLENT
WHEN SEVERAL OF HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN OPENLY COMPLAINING
ABOUT HUNGARIAN POLICE SURVEILLANCE AND HARRASSMENT.

5. WE ARE UNABLE TO FORM ANY OPINION RE HOW KNOWLEDGEABLE
CIMBRU IS ON PARTY-TO-PARTY AFFAIRS. WE NOTE, HOWEVER,
THAT MUCH OF WHAT HE SAID TALIES WITH MOSCOW'S ROMANIAN
SOURCE, REFTEL. IN PAST WARSAW PACT COUNSELORS, INCLUDING
ROMANIAN, HAVE NOT BEEN IN HABIT OF CALLING ON THEIR WESTERN
COUNTERPARTS. CIMBRU ORIGINALLY ASKED TO SEE AMB AND PURSUED
REQUEST WITH DCM WHEN AMB UNABLE TO SEE HIM. IT SEEMS CLEAR
TO US HE CALLED BECAUSE HE HAD SOMETHING TO SAY. IT IS
OF SOME INTEREST THAT HIS COMMENTS MOST CRITICAL OF SOVIETS
WERE MADE IN ELEVATOR AND IN LOBBY EN ROUTE OUT OF EMBASSY.
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